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GENERAL BARBOCK left an estate supposed to be worth \$1,000,000.

By the way, the BEE celebrates its birthday very quietly. The first number was issued on the 19th of June, 1871.

The New York democrats have left the tariff plank out of their platform. The only plank they want is "offices for democrats only."

The New York Sun shines for Bayard. Cleveland, however, captured the New York convention, and in all probability will get away with the presidential nomination at Chicago.

CONGRESSMAN TAYLOR has been elected president of the Ohio Woman Suffrage association. He is aiming to capture the support of the women in the next campaign.

MAYOR HARRISON, of Chicago, is making war on the gamblers. Mayor Harrison has probably been reading the Omaha newspapers, and learned how our officials have "worked" the gamblers.

The Philadelphia Press has nominated the following "mugwump" ticket: President—Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts; Vice-President—Carl Schurz, of the Univero. Mr. Adams, however, would rather be president of the Union Pacific than of the United States.

THE democratic machine in New York has conciliated Tammany and carried the day at Saratoga. Under the unit rule New York will cast a solid vote for Cleveland, and it is more than probable that he will be the democratic presidential candidate. His running mate will very likely be ex-Senator McDonald, of Indiana.

THE season of commencement is now approaching when so many degrees are conferred by the various institutions of learning, great and small, makes particularly timely the thoughtful and suggestive essay by Ex-Prest. Theodore D. Woolsey, of Yale, on "Academical Degrees," in the forthcoming Century. He treats more particularly of honorary degrees in the United States, and outlines a system of conferring honors which would give merit its due, but would abolish indiscriminate and meaningless decoration.

SENATOR MANDERSON voted in favor of striking out of the Utah bill, the clause which abolishes woman suffrage in that territory. Senator Manderison has been a consistent advocate of woman suffrage, but we cannot comprehend how he could favor woman suffrage in Utah where it has been for years the main prop of polygamy. The elective franchise in the hands of the Mormon women is so many votes cast under the direction of the bishops and elders. Wagon loads of women—the wives, sisters and daughters of Mormons—are carried to the polls where they are voted like so many cattle. They are nothing more nor less than so many proxies. If the women of Utah were really free American sovereigns they could have long ago abolished polygamy through the ballot box. Being mere vassals, with no free will of their own, they have forged and riveted the chains of their own slavery more tightly.

THE assessment in the country precincts of Douglas county has been increased about \$1,000,000 this year, but the assessments in Omaha are not only ridiculously low, but outrageously unequal. A good illustration of the inequality of the assessments in Omaha is afforded by the sale of a certain piece of property, owned by a lady. A house and lot were assessed at \$350. A day or two ago the owner sold one half of the lot for \$2,000, and the other half, with the house, is worth between \$3,000 and \$4,000. This is only one of hundreds of similar assessments. It shows that assessors do not try to equalize assessments. Property in Douglas county ought to be assessed at \$20,000,000 at the very least; at the ratio of one-fourth or one-fifth of the actual value. The assessment of Arapahoe county, Colorado, in which Denver is located, is \$30,000,000. We have no remedy for this unreasonably low assessment until the next legislature meets. We must have a radical reform in the system of assessment. Omaha should have one responsible assessor with authority to appoint as many deputies as are necessary to make a true and equal assessment. The county board of equalization is still in session, and the inequalities of the present assessment are becoming more glaring from day to day.

THE DARK CONTINENT.

Henry M. Stanley, a former resident of Omaha is still adding to his fame as a discoverer, explorer and civilizer. Had anyone predicted while Stanley was writing sensational letters from Omaha to the New York Herald and spending his leisure moments in courting the fascinating little actress, Annie Ward, that one day he would become famous the world over as an African explorer and that he would open up the heart of "the dark continent" to civilization, that person would have been laughed at as a visionary crank. But Stanley has done all this, and has yet before him a vast work which in all probability he will accomplish. Having demonstrated his enterprise, energy and daring by his first expedition which resulted in the discovery of Dr. Livingstone and in winning the confidence and respect of the civilized world, he has continued his work in Africa. For the past four years he has been engaged in the interests of the International African Association which was organized some years ago at Brussels, under the auspices of the king of Belgium, and composed of various kings, princes and merchants. The object of the association was to open to trade the fertile and densely populated, but almost unknown, interior of Africa. Stanley has, in four years, accomplished one of the greatest civilizing works ever undertaken, inasmuch as it has all been done without war or bloodshed. He has established a line of well equipped commercial stations from the east to the west coast of Africa—from the mouth of the great Congo river to the island of Zanzibar, in the Indian ocean. He has opened to commerce 3,000 miles of navigation on the Congo and its tributaries, and the work is to be carried still further. When Stanley returned to Africa in 1880 he founded Vivi, at the head of steam navigation, from the ocean. He next built a road around the great cataracts which separate the Upper and Lower Congo, and built and launched four steamers on the former stream. He established an important station, Leopoldville, on Stanley pool, at the head of the lower cataracts. The establishment of the station of Stanley Falls, a thousand miles up the river, was accomplished last December. It was there that Stanley made a treaty with the natives by means of which he opened communications with Karoma, on Lake Tanganyika, which has for a considerable time been connected by a series of posts with Zanzibar in the Indian ocean. A large number of other posts have been established and a vast extent of territory has been acquired and opened to trade. Stanley is on the most friendly terms with all the natives, and has had no difficulty in convincing them of the advantages to be derived by commercial intercourse with the civilized nations of the world. The various tribes of natives have recognized the International Association through its representative, Stanley, and have made liberal treaties, have ceded territory and granted privileges. In 1881, shortly after Stanley had begun his great enterprise, another explorer, Dr. Brazza, who was ambitious to rival Stanley, proceeded to the upper Congo, and hoisted the flag of France, in the interests of which country he claimed to be working. Stanley, however, not at all dismayed, carried on his enterprise. No serious conflict occurred, although it seems strange, under the circumstances, that some trouble has not arisen between France and the novel International association, which is in fact a private enterprise gotten up under the auspices and patronage of the Belgian king. The work of the association has been carefully watched by the various powers, and it is rather singular that none of them, not even England, has made any direct attempt to acquire territory or to establish new colonies. England, however, made a treaty with Portugal, which was intended to revive Portugal's obsolete claims to African dominion, but this amounted to nothing, as Portugal no longer has any ambition for conquest and has lost its interest in the Congo. This treaty had the effect of strapping up the International association to seek recognition from the United States, and in this effort it has been successful. Whether the recognition will give it any substantial support and aid in carrying on the great work it has undertaken in civilizing the "dark continent," or whether the various European powers will seek to enrich themselves by territorial acquisitions, without paying any attention to the "recognition" of the association by the United States, remains to be seen. There is a strong probability that France will be the first power to make a move in this direction, and it may cause the International association serious trouble, so much so in fact that it will be compelled to formally put itself under the protection of some powerful king or emperor and make an assignment of its acquired rights and privileges to such potentate. Whatever may be the result, the International association, through its agent, Henry M. Stanley, can take itself the credit for having opened up to civilization and commerce the interior of Africa, and made it possible for that hitherto unexplored region of the earth to become a rich field for the merchants, traders and fortune-hunters of the world.

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE.

To the Editor of the BEE:—Twice the BEE has made the statement that the Rev. Mr. Thomas, of St. Paul, was the second choice of the clergy of Nebraska for the bishopric thereof. It is a small matter, perhaps, but it is just as well to be correct. Mr. Thomas received five votes out of twenty-one on the early ballots, and then dropped out altogether toward the latter part of the protracted contest, when he received the vote of the young clergyman who nominated him at

the first, Bishop Walker, of Dakota, was the second choice, or rather he received the next highest number of votes, except that the Rev. Mr. Leonard, in spite of his positive refusal to be a candidate, once or twice received a higher number of votes than he. Whether or not this BEE is correct in its guess as to the coming man it may be as well to await the returns.

JOHN WILLIAMS.

In matters of religion THE BEE does not pretend to be as infallible as it is in secular affairs. It stands corrected so far as the second choice of the Episcopal convention for bishop is concerned. As to the coming man we are now inclined to believe that the council, at its next meeting, will again vote for Dr. Worthington, and make it unanimous this time, in which event he will probably accept. It is intimated that the principal reason of his declining, in the first place, was that there was some opposition to making his election unanimous.

TELEPHONE TEST.

Our sister republic, Mexico, has just held her presidential election. It occurred on Sunday last, and compared to our presidential campaign, was a very quiet affair—so quiet indeed that hardly anybody in this country is yet aware of it. Ex-President Porfirio Diaz was elected without opposition. It appears that at first General Trevino, the officer who married the daughter of the late General Ord, had some presidential aspirations, and received considerable encouragement from his friends. Diaz, however, who is evidently a shrewd politician, and a close observer of the methods of the politicians of the United States, "fixed" Trevino by promising to make him secretary of war, which offer was accepted by Trevino. President Diaz, while representing the military element, is a progressive man and will endeavor to advance the interests of Mexico. He was largely instrumental in bringing about the recent treaty with the United States, from the Mexicans who hope to receive great benefits from it. President Diaz, who is a warm friend of the United States, recently made an extended tour of this country, visiting all the principal eastern cities, and obtaining much valuable information which will now prove of great use to him in his presidential position.

OWNING TO A DEFICIENCY IN THE BONDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF STOREKEEPER AND GAGNERS.

Secretary Folger says that he sees no way out of the dilemma except to close the distilleries until the end of the fiscal year, when there will be money to pay the officials. The secretary is governed in his opinion by the statute which prohibits the employment of men without having money to pay them, and by another which requires that these men shall be attendant upon distilleries while they are in operation. If the distilleries could be closed, we venture the opinion that there will be whisky enough on hand to supply the demands of the presidential campaign. However, the distilleries would probably be allowed to continue manufacturing, if they should offer to pay the storekeepers and gagers, which some of them might be willing to do for a short time.

THE PHILADELPHIA RECORD, IN COMMENTING UPON THE FACT THAT CAMDEN, N. J., HAS DECIDED IN FAVOR OF A "HIGH LICENSE."

of \$198 a year, says that this is a much higher license than has been demanded in that city, and that the enforcement of the ordinance will have a useful influence, in that it will reduce the number of "taverns" and increase the revenue from this source. The Record probably would not call \$198 a very high license if it were aware of the fact that the license in Omaha is \$1,000.

THE EIGHTH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION OF IOWA, HELD AT OSCEOLA, RENOMINATED HON. W. P. HEPBURN FOR CONGRESS BY ACCLAMATION.

This was not unexpected, as Mr. Hepburn has made an excellent congressman, and the republicans of his district have done well in recognizing his merits. They could have made no better or more satisfactory selection. Col. Hepburn will be re-elected by an overwhelming majority.

CHURCH HOWE, A DEMOCRAT OF NEBRASKA, DECLARES HIMSELF FOR BLAINE IN THE FOLLOWING TRITE MANNER: "I raise myork. I am for Blaine, because he will make the Dutch eat Yankee pork, and don't you forget it."

Church Howe, as a Blaine democrat, has become quite an imposing figure, and the above paragraph is sure to make him famous, if nothing else will.

The new steamship America has made another remarkable quick trip. Her first run from Queenstown to New York was made in six days and fifteen hours, and her return trip has just been accomplished in six days and fourteen hours. She is undoubtedly the fastest steamer afloat.

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STATE JOTTINGS.

The total valuation of Cass county is \$3,824,922. The assessed valuation of Knox county has been increased \$6,000. The Waterloo Gazette reports crops in that vicinity promising. The acreage is larger than ever before. P. Egan, a well known manufacturer of combs from Brooklyn, N. Y., will soon open his shop in North Platte. The insane hospital at Lincoln is now crowded to its utmost capacity, there being confined therein 325 patients. Incendiary fires are becoming so numerous in Lincoln that the vigilante methods will be applied to the first fireling captured. Proclamation has been made in Grand Island that citizens load their guns and shoot the first burglar that shows his head. Grand Island is raised another round on the ladder of progress by the report that the Chicago & Northwestern was headed that way. The Lincoln Driving Park association has levied an assessment of \$1,500 on its stock to

BROTHER INGRAM ABROAD.

An Interesting Letter From an Old Omaha Minister.

Treating on Various Topics of Note Between the Missouri and the Sacramento.

Correspondence of THE BEE. SAN JOSE, California, June 14.—During my recent visit to Omaha your excellent paper made so many kindly allusions to myself and my church work in your city, that I esteem it a duty, as well as a very great pleasure, to publicly acknowledge the same. As a rule the path of the humble minister is not one of roses, and such tokens of esteem are fully appreciated. The few days spent with the dear old friends of Omaha will constitute one of the brightest chapters in all my public life. The generous welcome accorded me by both church and people was most gratifying. Much of my enjoyment was due to the fact that my home was with the pleasant, hospitable family of your well known and genial townsman, W. J. Mount. His every want was anticipated, and nothing overlooked that could add to my comfort or pleasure. I should love to make special mention of every token of loving friendship from every source, but my letter would be too long.

CONVERSATIONS CARRIED ON AT A DISTANCE OF TWENTY HUNDRED MILES.

Cincinnati Enquirer. The telephone has become such a necessary part of the business machinery of the world that any improvements tending to its more perfect operation are watched in their developments with interest. One of the great faults with the telephone has been the inability to communicate on different circuits near each other, by which persons talking over different lines could hear each other. Yesterday afternoon a test of a new transmitter was made over the wires of the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph company. An instrument was placed in the operating-room and one in the cellar. These instruments were connected by a wire forming a circuit from the instrument in the operating-room to Chilli-cothe and back to the instrument in the cellar. This made a distance on almost 200 miles. Over this length of line the voice of a person talking could be heard very distinctly, even when speaking in so low a tone that another person standing a few feet from the person talking could not hear what was said. A line was next formed to Gratton, Va., a distance of 600 miles, and then to Baltimore, Md., a distance of 1,200 miles, and there was no perceptible change in the distinctness with which the voice could be heard or the words understood. It is a very severe test, yet it was demonstrated that with this transmitter persons hundreds of miles apart can carry on a conversation intelligibly. While the test was being made the thirteen or fourteen telegraph wires were in operation; yet there was no apparent induction; the instruments could not be heard, as they can frequently be in this city, where the telephone and telegraph wires are near each other. This difficulty, it is claimed, is overcome by the formation of the carbons of the transmitter so that there is air constantly between them, and when they vibrate while speaking into them the current is opened and closed perfectly, with a telegraph instrument.

TAKING UP A COLLECTION BY STATES.

San Francisco Post. One of the most singular traits of our common humanity is the fact that no matter how artificially indifferent the citizens of a particular locality may be to their neighbors while at home, he no sooner becomes a traveler than his local pride sticks out like the peg on a hat rack, and at a minute's notice.

HAD SERVED UNDER GRANT.

Boston Globe. "How long have you been a car driver?" was asked. "Ever since I left Grant," "Ah, you served under Grant, did you?" "I should smile if I didn't." "Which do you like better, following Ulysses to victory or car driving?" "I never followed him to victory, you see, or perhaps I should like that better; as it is, I prefer my car to Grant."

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SEAL OF NORTH CAROLINA TOBACCO IS THE BEST.

Iowa College Commencement. Iowa City, June 18.—The state university commencement closed to-day. A graduating class of thirty-three young men and women took the degree of bachelor of arts, and ten took the degree of bachelor of science, and ten took the degree of master of arts.

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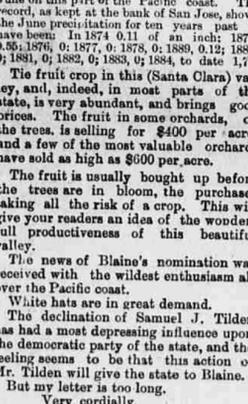
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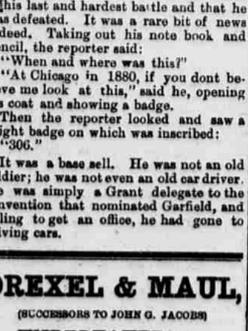
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